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I am writing to oppose the proposed final judgement in the Microsoft antitrust case.

This proposal is, at its heart, in no way significantly different from the previous judgement against Microsoft which was all but ignored. A slap on the wrist means nothing to Microsoft; stern admonitions they blithely ignore.

Far more appropriate would be forcing Microsoft to fully disclose, royalty free to the entire world, all information necessary to create products that can read and interpret all Microsoft file formats and communications protocols. That way, anybody would be fully capable of competing with Microsoft on a level playing field. As it stands, Microsoft uses its monopoly power to prevent any meaningful interoperability with its products. Potential competitors can't even get started.

If you should wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me via email; telephone at +1 (480) 966 9472; or postal mail at Post Office Box 964, Tempe, Arizona 85280-0964.

Sincerely,

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